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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Alexander BLEECK et al.

Application No.: **10/611,944**

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For: Gap Seal for Sealing a Gap Between Two
Adjacent Components

Art Unit: 3676

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 16 November 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-10 as follows; Applicant notes that no amendments are made herein: